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SUBJECT: SALE OF VEHICLES TO QATARI (AND ABU DHABI?)
FORCES

REF: KUWAIT 0446 (NOTAL)

1. WE REACHED CHRYSLER'S GUY CHRISTMAS FEBRUARY 5
(ROMANOS BEING AWAY ON A TRIP). HE DID NOT RECALL
HAVING SEEN MESSAGE RELATING TO VEHICLES FOR QATARI
ARMY. HOWEVER, HE RECALLED MESSAGE ABOUT 100-150 LIGHT
FOUR-BY-FOUR PICKUP TRUCKS FOR ABU DHABI DEFENSE FORCE,
SENT IN BY CHRYSLER HEAD DISTRIBUTOR IN UAE, LOCATED IN
DUBAI.

2. CHRISTMAS WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THAT EMBASSIES KUWAIT AND
DOHA ENCOURAGE THIS SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 UNSPECI-
FIED VEHICLES TO QATARI ARMY AND THOUGHT IT MAY RELATE
TO DIFFERENT MATTER, SINCE MICHAEL IRVIN'S NAME (WHO
APPARENTLY IS CHRYSLER DISTRIBUTOR IN ABU DHABI), WAS
NOT ASSOCIATED WITH DUBAI ORDER.

3. WE TOLD CHRISTMAS THAT, WHILE WE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR
USG SINCE WASHINGTON CLEARANCE AS SUCH WAS NOT INVOLVED
AT THIS STAGE, THIS KIND OF COMMERCIAL DEAL WAS GENERAL-
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LY LOOKED ON WITH FAVOR IN GULF, AND WE HOPED CHRYSLER

WOULD REACT QUICKLY TO APPARENT TRADE OPPORTUNITY. WE
LEFT IT THAT CHRISTMAS WOULD CONTACT US IF THERE WAS
ANY NEED.

4. COMMENT: CHRISTMAS SOUNDED A BIT VAGUE ABOUT WHOLE
THING. KUWAIT OR ABU DHABI MAY WISH SUGGEST TO IRVIN
THAT HE SEND INFORMATION HERE AGAIN.

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